

HB 279 -- CAPTIVE CERVIDS

SPONSOR: Houghton

This bill modifies the provisions related to captive cervids.

DESIGNATION OF CAPTIVE CERVIDS (Sections 144.010, 262.900, 265.300, 267.565, and 277.020, RSMo)

The bill adds captive cervids to the definition of "livestock" for the purposes of the state sales and use tax law, meat inspection law, Missouri Livestock Disease Control and Eradication Law, and the Missouri Livestock Marketing Law.

For the purposes of the state sales and use tax law, the bill also specifies that "captive wildlife" only includes captive cervids and captive elk classified as wildlife and not as livestock.

SALE OF CAPTIVE CERVID MEAT (Section 196.162)

The bill specifies it is lawful to sell captive cervid meat under certain circumstances including that the cervids are commercially raised for food; raised, slaughtered, and processed under a voluntary inspection program; and slaughtered and processed under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Voluntary Exotic Animal Program. All meat must be appropriately and conspicuously labeled, marked, or tagged with the type of animal from which it came.

COMMERCIAL PROCESSING OF CAPTIVE CERVID MEAT (Section 265.420)

The bill requires any commercial plant which slaughters, processes, renders, transports, stores, ships, or receives captive cervids intended for consumption to record certain information about each cervid, including the cervid's official federal identification tag. If a cervid does not have an official federal identification tag, the plant cannot slaughter, process, render, transport, store, ship, or receive the cervid.

This bill is the same as SB 123 (2017).